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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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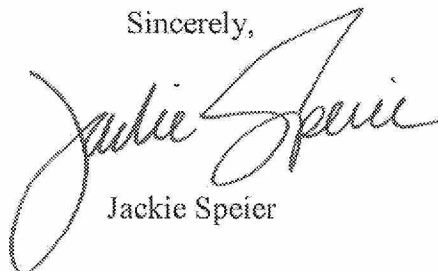
Dear Mr. Wheeler:

It is my understanding that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is poised to render a decision as to whether to assert jurisdiction over the Redwood City salt ponds, which is approximately 1300 acres open to San Francisco Bay. I respectfully request an opportunity to meet with you prior to this decision being made by the EPA.

The salt ponds are located in my Congressional District and are an important opportunity for the community of Redwood City and the region. In addition to Redwood City, the changes around the ponds have potential impacts on other communities and an adjacent seaport. Any final plans for the ponds may also have precedential impact upon developments throughout the bay region. Many plans have been proposed over the years and it is important to my constituents and to the health of the San Francisco Bay estuary that the nation's laws regarding endangered species protection and restoration be upheld in any final proposals that are adopted for the property. As you know, the U.S. EPA is the agency charged with protection of those standards.

To this end, I respectfully request a meeting prior to any final decision in order to understand the agency's reasoning and to determine whether the communities that I represent, and our nation's environmental objectives, can be served by the final determination being contemplated by the EPA. I look forward to your response and ask that it be sent to my office no later than Friday, December 21, 2018.

Sincerely,



Jackie Speier